

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM93–11–000]

Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992; Notice of Annual Change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods

The Commission's regulations include a methodology for oil pipelines to change their rates through use of an index system that establishes ceiling levels for such rates. The Commission bases the index system, found at 18 CFR 342.3, on the annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI-FG), plus one point two three percent (PPI-FG + 1.23). The Commission determined in an *Order Establishing Index Level*,¹ issued December 17, 2015, that PPI-FG + 1.23 is the appropriate oil pricing index factor for pipelines to use for the five-year period commencing July 1, 2016.

The regulations provide that the Commission will publish annually, an index figure reflecting the final change in the PPI-FG, after the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes the final PPI-FG in May of each calendar year. The annual average PPI-FG index figures were 193.9 for 2015 and 191.9 for 2016.² Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI-FG from 2015 to 2016, plus 1.23 percent, is positive 0.001985.³ Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, index ceiling levels by positive 1.001985⁴ to compute their index ceiling levels for July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d). For guidance in calculating the ceiling levels for each 12 month period beginning January 1, 1995,⁵ see *Explorer Pipeline Company*, 71 FERC 61,416 at n.6 (1995).

¹ 153 FERC 61,312 at P 52 (2015).

² Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes the final figure in mid-May of each year. This figure is publicly available from the Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes of the BLS, at 202–691–7705, and in print in August in Table 1 of the annual data supplement to the BLS publication *Producer Price Indexes* via the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ppi/home.htm>. To obtain the BLS data, scroll down to PPI Databases and click on Top Picks of the Commodity Data including headline FD-ID indexes (Producer Price Index—PPI). At the next screen, under the heading PPI Commodity Data, select the box, Finished goods—WPUFD49207, then scroll to the bottom of this screen and click on Retrieve data.

³ $[191.9 - 193.9] / 193.9 = -0.010315 + 0.0123 = +0.001985$.

⁴ $1 + 0.001985 = 1.001985$.

⁵ For a listing of all prior multipliers issued by the Commission, see the Commission's Web site, <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/oil/gen-info/pipeline-index.asp>.

In addition to publishing the full text of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print this Notice via the Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The full text of this Notice is available on FERC's Home Page at the eLibrary link. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field and follow other directions on the search page.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and other aspects of FERC's Web site during normal business hours. For assistance, please contact the Commission's Online Support at 1–866–208–3676 (toll free) or 202–502–6652 (email at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or the Public Reference Room at 202–502–8371, TTY 202–502–8659. E-Mail the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17–28–000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2017 Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the 2017 Expansion Project, proposed by Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) in the above-referenced docket. Eastern Shore requests authorization to construct and operate pipeline facilities in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. These facilities would include six pipeline loop segments totaling 22.7 miles; one 16.9-mile-long mainline extension; upgrades to an existing meter and regulator station; installation of an additional 3,750 horsepower (hp) compressor unit at an existing

compressor station; and the addition of two pressure control stations.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the 2017 Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

The proposed 2017 Expansion Project includes constructing and operating the following facilities:

- Pipeline loop segments (10-, 16-, and 24-inch-diameter) totaling 22.7 miles in the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware;
- One 10-inch-diameter 16.9-mile-long mainline extension in Sussex County, Delaware;
- Upgrades to an existing meter and regulator station and lateral piping at the existing interconnect with Texas Eastern in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania;
- Installation of an additional 3,750 horsepower (hp) compressor unit at the existing Daleville Compressor Station in Chester County, Pennsylvania; and
- Addition of two pressure control stations in Sussex County, Delaware.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups.

In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or

lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before June 12, 2017.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP17–28–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the

Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP17–28). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP15–554–000; CP15–554–001; Docket No. CP15–555–000]

Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC; Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental Review of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply Header Project

This notice identifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff's revised schedule for the completion of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC's (Atlantic) Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Dominion Transmission, Inc.'s (DTI) Supply Header Project. The first notice of schedule, issued on August 12, 2016, identified a final EIS date of June 30, 2017. However, in response to comments on the draft EIS (which had a comment closing date of April 6, 2017), staff sent an environmental information request to Atlantic and DTI in April 2017, and only recently received the information necessary for us to complete our environmental review. As a result, staff has revised the schedule for issuance of the final EIS.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS—July 21, 2017.

90-day Federal Authorization

Decision Deadline—October 19, 2017.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project's progress.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the final EIS and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>).

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Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC17–115–000.

Applicants: Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC.

Description: Application of Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC For Authorization under Federal Power Act Section 203.

Filed Date: 5/11/17.

Accession Number: 20170511–5191.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/1/17.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER11–4050–005.

Applicants: Cogentrix of Alamosa, LLC.

Description: Notice of non-material change in status of Cogentrix of Alamosa, LLC.

Filed Date: 5/11/17.

Accession Number: 20170511–5192.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/1/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–157–002.

Applicants: Moapa Southern Paiute Solar, LLC.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Moapa Southern Paiute Solar, LLC.

Filed Date: 5/11/17.

Accession Number: 20170511–5193.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/1/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–927–002.

Applicants: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

¹ See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.